

CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments Committee

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012
4:15 pm
City Council Office**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee will meet as needed to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Committee Members: Stratton Marmarou (Chair), Donna Reed (Vice-Chair) and Randy Corcoran

Although Council committee meetings are open to the public, public comment is not permitted at Council Committee meetings. However, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe the meetings. Comment from citizens or professionals during the meeting may be solicited on agenda topics via invitation by the Committee Chair.

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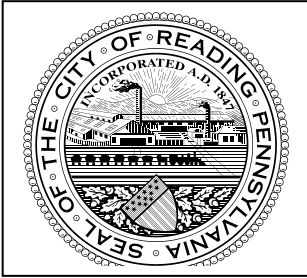
I. Interview

4:15 – Melissa Eggert – appointment – Citizens Advisory Board

4:30 – Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer – appointment – Environmental Advisory Council

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo/BAC Openings/Board, Authority, Commission membership



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**Monday, August 6, 2012
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, D. Reed, R. Corcoran

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Thomas Brogan (appointment – Water Authority)

Mr. Marmarou stated that he would love if Dr. Brogan would serve on the Water Authority again. Dr. Brogan stated that he would love to return.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Dr. Brogan was involved in discussions regarding CSC employees becoming RAWA employees. Dr. Brogan stated that these discussions occurred after his tenure. Mr. Corcoran stated that four positions were moved but that the people did not and some CSC employees were laid off.

Mr. Marmarou noted that RAWA is not accepting payments at their new facility. He stated that RAWA is citing security reasons but that he does not support this decision. Dr. Brogan stated that safety is a concern as many people pay in cash.

Mr. Marmarou stated that many people question the decision not to accept payment at the RAWA facility. Dr. Brogan stated that this may be a future consideration and that bonding would be necessary.

Mr. Marmarou noted the good work of Dr. Brogan when he was a member of RAWA in the past.

Ms. Reed stated that Dr. Brogan would be an asset to RAWA. She stated that he was the least political of all members. She expressed her concern about Mr. Lloyd's continued membership on RAWA and stated that she will be distrustful of the decisions of RAWA while Mr. Lloyd is a member.

Dr. Brogan stated that any decision made by RAWA requires three affirmative votes for action. He noted the need to follow the advice of their solicitor.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Thomas Brogan to the Water Authority.

II. Reading Iron Playground

Mr. Corcoran stated that Wells Fargo is interested in renovating Reading Iron Playground. He stated that the City is also working on rehabilitation of this playground.

Ms. Reed stated that it was great that the business community is getting involved in Reading neighborhoods.

Mr. Corcoran stated that Wells Fargo plans to have neighbors involved in the project and hold a festival on the site. He stated that he was involved in a project at Reading Iron with Keller Williams but that after the project, the site quickly returned to its poor condition.

III. Citizens Advisory Board

Mr. Marmarou stated that there is an applicant in the process for the CAB from District 4.

Ms. Reed stated that Carl Geffken has agreed to be the second representative from District 5.

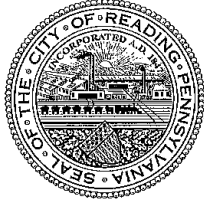
There was discussion of the possibility of removal of CAB members appointed by Councilors while Council re-evaluates this Board. Ms. Katzenmoyer was asked to research this issue.

IV. Main Street Board

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that background information was run on the two candidates but that issues remain. She stated that she has sent no further correspondence.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk



CITY OF READING

BOARDS AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

APPLICATION FORM

Article X of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter encourages the participation of citizens in their government through the establishment of Boards, Authorities and Commissions to carry out City business. Broad citizen participation is encouraged in the recruitment of appointees and in making appointments.

No appointee of any board, authority, or commission shall hold any other elected public office or any compensated position for the City. No person may serve concurrently on more than one board, authority or commission. The Charter requires all appointees to be residents of the City of Reading. At the discretion of Council, persons not residing in the City may be appointed if they have a significant property holding or business interest in the City.

Name: Melissa J. Eggert
Address: 1504 Lorraine Rd Rdg 19604
Years living at this address: 11 yrs.
Date of Birth: 1/13/66
Occupation: Teacher
Place of Employment & Address: Reading School District - Riverside Elem.
1400 Centre Ave.
Rdg. 19601
Telephone: Day 610-207-3449 Evening 610-478-1017
E-mail: mje13166@comcast.net

If you need more space for any of the questions below, please use the back of this form.
If you have a current resume, please attach it to this completed application.

1. What Board, Authority or Commission are you interested in serving on? Why?

Act 47 Citizens Advisory Board. My family has lived in Reading for more than five generations and I am disheartened by the state of our city. I don't want to see the city continue to deteriorate. I want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

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2. In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of this board?

The primary purpose of this board is to rebuild the city - literally and figuratively. We need to build a better image that is based on a more positive reality of life in the city.

3. What skills, abilities or other characteristics do you have that will help the Board successfully achieve its purpose?

I have many years of board experience that will be helpful. Also, I work in the Reading School District which gives me additional insight into issues that affect the citizens of Reading. I know many of my neighbors and other residents and could help motivate others to help improve Reading.

4. Have you had any previous experience with this particular board? If yes, please describe.

No.

5. Have you served in any other volunteer roles in the community? (e.g. youth organizations, church, etc.) Please list.

I currently serve as the president of the board for the Humane Society of Berks County. In the past, I was president of the Berks Co. Commission for Women and the Reading Branch of the American Association of University Women.

6. Have you ever been employed by the City of Reading? If so, please list.

No.

7. In a business relationship, have you ever provided goods or services for the City? If so, please describe?

No.

8. Have you served previously on any other City of Reading Board, Authority, or Commission or in any other advisory capacity? If yes, please list the position and date(s) of service.

No.

9. Are you currently a registered voter? Yes ☒ No ☐

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ☐ No ☒

11. Do you own any properties or businesses in the City? If so, please list?

Yes. 1504 Lorraine Road

12. Do you have any water/sewer bills, property taxes, codes violations, or fines which are delinquent for 6 months or longer? If so, please list and provide explanation.

No.

I verify that the statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand that any false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 PA.C.S. 4904, relating to unsworn falsification of authorities. I consent to and authorize, without reservation, the City of Reading to obtain information relating to my law enforcement record, convictions for other than Summary Offenses, my tax payment record (including all applicable taxes payable to the City of Reading), and my utility payment record. Convictions will not automatically disqualify the applicant. I authorize each applicable agency to which this form is presented to release any results, upon request of the City of Reading, as described above. Copies of this consent that show my signature are as valid as the original signed by me. This consent is valid until the termination of my application process or my affiliation with the City of Reading, whichever is later.

Melissa J. Eggert
Printed Name

Melissa J. Eggert
Signature

7/5/12
Date

Please return the completed form to the

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Office 2-24
815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601**



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Name: Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer
Address: 2200 Lorraine Road, Reading, PA 19607
Years living at this address: 5
Date of Birth: 8/19/57
Occupation: Unemployed - Currently Graduate Student at Philadelphia University
Place of Employment & Address: Last employer: Synergetic Architects
550 Penn Ave
West Reading, PA 19611
Telephone: Day 610-921-2144 Evening 610-207-0450 (cell)
E-mail: piersshaffer@gmail.com

If you need more space for any of the questions below, please use the back of this form.
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1. What Board, Authority or Commission are you interested in serving on? Why?

EAC - Interested in assisting the City of Reading in programs and activities related to the environment and
utilized skills obtained in recent years of education

2. In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of this board?

~~Provide and make recommendation on the policies and activities to the City of Reading to include rules and revisions, water conservation activities, planning, development of projects and research relayed to the environment. In addition to evaluating, supporting the environmental and economic needs of the city.~~

3. What skills, abilities or other characteristics do you have that will help the Board successfully achieve its purpose?

~~In addition to a strong personal and professional interested to the environment. I am currently finishing thesis work for a Master Degree in Sustainable Design from Philadelphia University and currently hold a Masters Degree in Construction Management. I have obtained LEED AP BD & C (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Accredited Professional in Building Construction & Design) and recently attended and passed the SBA (Sustainable Building Advisor) certification.~~

4. Have you had any previous experience with this particular board? If yes, please describe.

No.

5. Have you served in any other volunteer roles in the community? (e.g. youth organizations, church, etc.) Please list.

~~Opportunity House - Souper Bowl and Golf Tournament fundraising activities and recycling program, Teaching Kids How to Fish (visits to Hopewell Lake for Fishing), Fundraising coordinator for MAREA (Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Assoc) for Solar Thermal installation at Opportunity House, Water Monitor for Trout Unlimited Coldwater Conservation Corp. , Gas Truth education semesters, Gilmore Henne Community Fund initiatives, Outreach Committee for Ricktown Arts District and Performing Arts Alliance of Great Reading~~

6. Have you ever been employed by the City of Reading? If so, please list.

No.

7. In a business relationship, have you ever provided goods or services for the City?
If so, please describe?

~~Yes. Preformed free-lance work, writing and design, for the Ricktown Arts District Master Plan for the City of Reading and was compensated via 1099 form.~~

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No.

9. Are you currently a registered voter? Yes X No

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No X

11. Do you own any properties or businesses in the City? If so, please list?

Residence is within city limits but taxes are paid to Muhlenberg Township.

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Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer

Printed Name

Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer

Signature

Digitally signed by Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer
DN: cn=Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer, o=city,
email=piet2002@outmail.com, c=US
Date: 2012.07.16 13:49:47 -0400

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Date

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: September 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

Blighted Property Review Committee – *2 openings*

- Mary Wolfe – reappointment – awaiting Mayoral approval

Citizens Advisory Committee – *9 openings*

- Melissa Eggart – appointment – District 4
- Teri Kutz – appointment – District 4

Environmental Advisory Board – *4 openings*

- Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer – appointment

Planning Commission – *2 openings*

- Ermete Raffaelli – reappointment – awaiting Mayoral approval

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

OPEN SEATS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board			
			Board Full
Plumbing Board of Examiners			
	Board Full		
Reading HVAC Board			
			3 openings
Zoning Hearing Board			
			Board Full
Police Civil Service Board			
			1 opening
Fire Civil Service Board			
			Board Full
Board of Historical Architectural Review			1 opening – must reside in historic district
			1 trades/building opening
Board of Trustees of the			City positions filled

Reading Public Library			
			3 County openings
Board of Health			3 openings
			2 alternate openings
Board of Ethics			
	1 opening		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
	1 opening		
	1 alternate opening		
Animal Control Board			
	3 openings		
Charter Board			
	1 opening		
Housing Board Of Appeals			
	3 alternate openings		
Property Maintenance Appeals			6 openings
			Bldg/Trades Experience Required
Minority Bus. Board	7 openings		
Police Diversity Board			
		1 alternate opening	
City-wide Diversity Board			
			1 citizen opening

Solid Waste & Recycling Appeals Board			3 citizen openings
Citizens Advisory Board	10 citizen openings		
	2 applications pending		
Main St Board	3 openings		
Business License Appeals Board			
	3 citizen openings		
AUTHORITIES			
Reading Area Water Authority			
			Board Full
Reading Redevelopment Authority			
	Board Full		
Reading Housing Authority			
			2 openings
Reading Parking Authority			
		Board full	
Convention Center Authority			
			City positions filled
			3 County openings
Downtown Improvement District Authority			
	Board Full		

COMMISSIONS			
Planning Commission			
	2 openings		
	1 application pending		
Reading Shade Tree Commission			
	2 openings		
Stadium Commission			
	1 opening		
Reading Human Relations Commission			
	3 openings		
Legislative Aide Committee			4 City openings
Public Safety Advisory Committee			
		Board full	
Blighted Property Review Committee			
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Environmental Advisory Council			4 openings
			1 application pending
Recreation Commission	Board Full		